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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST CENTER DRAFT

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THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU HIS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SPEECH FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT. IN GENERAL HE FINDS THE DRAFT RATHER LONG AND WANDERING AND IN NEED OF SOME RIGOROUS EDITING. ON SUBSTANCE HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE RATHER DEFENSIVE TONE, RESULTING IN PART FROM THE FACT THAT THE FIRST PART COULD BE INTERPRETED AS DESCRIBING OUR POLICY AS A RESPONSE TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN FEARS RATHER THAN A POLICY BASED ON OUR NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE REGION; WE SHOULD CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THESE FEARS BUT TAKE CARE THAT THEY DO NOT APPEAR AS THE MAIN BASIS FOR POLICY. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF THE SPEECH BEGIN WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AND THEN GO TO THE SECURITY. ALTERNATIVELY, SOME OF THE ECONOMIC MATERIAL (E.G., PARAGRAPH 21) MIGHT BE BROUGHT UP FRONT IN THE DISCUSSION OF OUR INTERESTS LEAVING THE ORGANIZATION OTHERWISE AS IT STANDS NOW. THE SECRETARY COMMENTS ALSO THAT THE MILITARY SIDE IS OVEREMPHASIZED, PARTICULARLY IN

THE SPECIFIC LISTING OF OUR WEAPONS OFFERS. THIS COMMENT,

AS WELL AS THE RELATIVE EMPHASIS ACCORDED THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SECTIONS COULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PROCESS OF EDITING AND SHORTENING.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR REVISION KEYED TO THE REFTEL PARAGRAPH NUMBERS:

3. SUBSTITUTE FOR FIRST SENTENCE - "FOR TWO DECADES, OUR INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS ALL-ABSORBING"

4. DELETE "PERHAPS JUSTIFIED"

7. SECOND SENTENCE "BUT WE BELIEVE WE ARE DEFINING"

8. FIRST TIC - INSERT BEFORE " A FAVORABLE GLOBAL BALANCE" THE WORDS "TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND"

SECOND TIC - SUBSTITUTE FOR LAST SENTENCE "WE AND OUR ALLIES ARE DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THEM"

SUBSTITUTE FOR METAPHYSICAL CONCEPTS "OUR IDEAS AND CONCEPTS OF LIFE" IN FOURTH TIC.

9. REWORD AS FOLLOWS: "THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER TO SUSTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PACIFIC, BUT RATHER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSITIES OF POWER AND THE CLAIMS OF PRINCIPLE, HOW TO SHAPE OUR INVOLVEMENT TO ASSURE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF ATTENTION TO EACH OF OUR GOALS; THE PRESERVATION OF SECURITY; THE PROMOTION OF CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE; THE STIMULATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR PRIVATE SECTOR AS AN INDISPENSIBLE ACCOMPANIMENT OF GOVERNMENT ACTION.

10. FIRST TIC - REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING:

-- THE WAR IN INDOCHINA DOMINATED OUR VIEW OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT DOMINATED ALSO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, WHOSE OWN CONCERNS OVER THE FUTURE WERE HEIGHTENED BY THE WAR THAT RAGED IN THEIR MIDST. REGIONAL COOPERATION WAS STILL JUST AN ASPIRATION. JAPAN PURSUED A NARROW DIPLOMACY. RELATIONS WITH CHINA WERE STILL CONFRONTATIONAL.

SECOND TIC - REPLACE AFTER FIRST SENTENCE WITH FOLLOWING:

"THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING AT A RAPID RATE; THEIR TIES WITH EACH OTHER ARE GROWING STRONGER,

AND THEY ARE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE AS INDIVIDUAL STATES AND THROUGH THEIR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ASEAN.CHINA HAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED ITS RELATIONS WITH MOST OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AS WELL AS WITH US. JAPAN IS PLAYING A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN DEVELOPMENT ASPIRATIONS.

12. LAST SENTENCE - ALTER TO READ: "ENCOURAGE NEW PATTERNS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND THE RECONCILIATION OF FORMER ADVERSARIES"

15. THIRD TIC - "OUR ANZUS TIES ARE IMPORTANT TO THE STABILITY OF THE PACIFIC BASIN"

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16. PICKING UP LAST SENTENCE PARAGRAPH 15 AS FIRST SENTENCE NEW 16, REVISE AS FOLLOWS:

"THE INDEPENDENCE AND WELL-BEING OF FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN THE AREA REMAIN IMPORTANT TO US. DESPITE THE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT I HAVE ALREADY NOTED, OUR FRIENDS IN THE REGION CONTINUE TO HAVE SERIOUS AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS. INSURGENCIES -- SOME OF THEM EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED -- CONTINUE TO DRAIN NATIONAL RESOURCES AND MAKE LIFE INSECURE FOR MANY PEOPLE. BORDER PROBLEMS PERSIST. THE AMBITIONS OF VIETNAM, FAR MORE HEAVILY ARMED THAN ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS, REMAIN UNCLEAR. AND SINO-SOVIET COMPETITION GENERATES UNCERTAINTIES."

17 AND 18. TO AVOID THE IMPLICATION THAT WE WILL NOT BE USING OUR MILITARY POWER IF NEED BE, REVISE AS FOLLOWS:

"FOLLOW FIRST SENTENCE OF 17 WITH PARAGRAPH 18 REVISED AS FOLLOWS: "THEY WANT US TO MAINTAIN A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION AS AN IMPORTANT DETERRENT. THEY WANT US TO SUPPLY THEM WITH MODEST QUANTITIES OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR DECADES, THUS ENABLING THEM TO OBTAIN PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT DIVERTING RESOURCES TO INEFFICIENT LOCAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. THEY WANT OUR DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO GREAT POWER RIVALRIES.

19. AT BEGINNING, DELETE "WITH THESE CONCERNS IN MIND". END OF SAME PARAGRAPH CHANGE TO READ "POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF IT"

FIRST TIC AFTER KEY MILITARY FACILITIES INSERT PHRASE "SO IMPORTANT FOR THE REGIONAL STRATEGIC BALANCE" ADD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING SENTENCE "I ALSO INDICATED OUR CONTINUED
WILLINGNESS TO MEET LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS, AS WE HAVE
DONE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS" AT END.

COMMENTS ON SECTION "ADDRESSING THE NEW AGENDA" BEGINNING
WITH PARAGRAPH 20 WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY. VANCE

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